Great Bedwyn Parish Council Statement on Sustainability

In line with Great Bedwyn Parish Council's agreed policy to support sustainable, carbon zero buildings and in support of Wiltshire Council's declaration of Climate Emergency in 2019, all new building or refurbishment projects need to consider using sustainable materials which minimise carbon emissions and include measures to increase the efficiency of energy usage by:

- maximising reuse and recycling of materials in construction to minimise embodied carbon footprint.
- ensuring that energy is used efficiently by ensuring no draughts, good insulation, double glazing, and maximising natural cooling and using heat pumps where appropriate.
- generating renewal energy and energy storage where possible, e.g., by installing photo voltaic cells and battery storage.
- supporting biodiversity and minimising rainwater runoff (to reduce flood risk) by including rainwater storage and/or rain gardens where appropriate.